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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Carl D Burch

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Application No.: 09/823403

Examiner: Aimee J. Li

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Title: Retiring Early-Completion Instructions To Improve Computer Operation Throughput

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee  
(X) Other: Preliminary Amend For RCE Under 37 CFR 1.114 (fee \$ )

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(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00	2ND MONTH \$450.00	3RD MONTH \$1020.00	4TH MONTH \$1590.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carl D Burch

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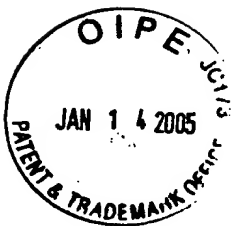
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 21, 2004, this Preliminary Amendment is submitted to replace the Preliminary Amendment mailed October 7, 2004 ("Prior Preliminary Amendment") because the Prior Preliminary Amendment failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 in which the claims were not provided with proper status identifiers. The claim section in the Prior Preliminary is being corrected to comply with 37 CFR 1.121, and together with the Remark section of the Prior Preliminary Amendment in its entirety, is hereby submitted as this Preliminary Amendment.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 submitted with the Prior Preliminary Amendment: